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RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

ELECTION—CALLING—SALVATION.

Two links of the chain, viz. Election and Salvation, are up in heaven in God's own hand; but this middle one i. e. Effectual calling, is let down to earth, into the hearts of his children, and they laying hold on it, have sure hold on the other two, for no power can sever them. If therefore, they can read the characters of God's image in their own souls, those are the counterpart of the golden characters of his love, in which their names are written in the book of life (the Scriptures), and thus ascertain them, that the same names are in the secret book of life which God hath by himself from eternity. So that finding the stream of grace in their heart, though they see not the fountain whence it flows, nor the ocean into which it returns, yet they know that God hath its source in their eternal glory.

Instruction, effectual calling and salvation are inseparably linked together, then, by any one of whom a man may lay hold upon all the rest, and may know that his hold is sure; and this is the way wherein we may attain, and ought to seek, the comfortable assurance of the love of God. Therefore make your calling sure, and by that your election; for that being done this follows of itself. We are not to pry immediately into the decree, but to read it in the performance;—though the mariner sees not the pole star, yet though the needle of the compass which points to it, tells him which way he sails; thus the heart that is touched with the loadstone of divine love, trembling with Godly fear, and yet still looking towards God by fixed believing, interprets the fear by the love in the fear, and tells the soul that its course is heaven-ward, towards the haven of eternal rest. He that loves, may be sure he was loved first; and he that chooses God for his delight and portion, may confidently believe that God hath chosen him to be one of those that shall enjoy him, and be happy in him forever, for that our love and electing of him is but the return and reparation of the beams of his love shining upon us.

Although from present unsanctification, a man cannot infer that he is not elected; for the decree may, for part of man's life, run, as it were, under ground; yet this is sure, that that estate leads to death, and unless it be broken, will prove the black line of reprobation. A man hath no portion amongst the children of God, nor can read one word of comfort in all the promises that belong to them, while he remains unholily.

COLERIDGE.

HAVE YOU BECOME A NEW CREATURE?

"Fellow-mortal, hastening to the judgment; have you become a new creature? I do not ask you when, nor where, nor how; but have you ever become a new creature? Have you chosen Jehovah, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for your God? Is it your great object to glorify Him? and is His revealed will your rule of action? Do you have respect to all his commandments, for the sake of glorifying Him and doing good; trusting in Jesus Christ for what you need, to do this, and to be accepted in it? Do you love Jesus Christ: and contemplate with joy the rising prospects of his holy kingdom? Will you spend, and be spent in promoting his glory; in extending the honor of His name; and living not unto yourself, but unto Him that died for you and rose again? If so, you may hope that you are a new creature. And, if a new creature, immortal glories await you. All things are yours, life, death, things present, things to come, all are yours. You are borne in everlasting arms; and when you put off the body, angels attend you—the gate of heaven opens—and multitudes that no man can number, shout your arrival. You are then with Christ, and see the glory which he had with the Father before the world was. You veil your face, cast down your crown, and with saints and angels in heaven, cry Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

But where is he who is not a new creature, when he dies?—Sinking, and sinking, downward, and still further downward, in the bottomless pit, for ever and ever! His heart cannot endure—his hand cannot be strong; for who can dwell with devouring fire? who can inherit everlasting burnings?"

[National Preacher.]

From the Vermont Chronicle.

EXEGESIS OF ISAIAH XLV, 11.

"Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons; and concerning the work of my hands command ye me."

This text, particularly the latter clause of it, has long been considered one of difficult interpretation. For in what sense can it be true, that Jehovah has made himself subject to the authority and commands of his frail, ignorant, and guilty creatures? But this is not the only difficulty. The common translation of this text, makes a violent disruption of the preceding and subsequent verses, which are evidently parts of the same address, being closely connected in sense, and in style. It appears to me that this verse, like the one preceding it, contains not a command, but an interrogation. In the original, which I have carefully examined, I can discover no reason whatever, for the contrary opinion. The address is not, in my view, directly to the friends of God, for their encouragement; but to those who impulsively aim to intrude into the divine counsel, and are in the habit of finding fault with the government of Jehovah. To them this passage is addressed, by way of severe reproof. This pungent reprimand, commences at the 9th verse; and taking in the 11th, as I understand it, will read thus—"Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherds strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, what maketh thou? or thy work. He hath no hands? Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth? Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Things to come, concerning my sons, do they require of me? And concerning the work of my hands, will we command me? I, even I, have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded."

In this view, how consistent, sublime, and overwhelming to impious triflers and opposers, is the whole passage! A voice which must be heard, falls upon the ear, and comes into the heart, saying, with authority irresistible, "Be still, and know that I am God." S. M. K.

* See the Heb.

From Zion's Herald.

A HINT TO DESPONDING MINISTERS.

Mr. Editor.—Not long since a lady related to me the following anecdote; which contains so useful a moral, and the manner of its communication was so pleasing to my mind, that I wrote it down the first opportunity, and send it to you for your Minister's Department; hoping that some servant of the Lord, who is inclined to despondency, may receive entertainment and profit by its monitory suggestions. A. L.

A certain minister who had been very successful in his labors in the gospel vineyard, at length saw but very little fruit attending his ministrations. To be useless, he could not bear, and his soul was bowed down under the discouraging prospects around him. Nothing on earth was so gloomy to him, as a spiritual dearth; for he had been used to showers of reformation mercy, and nothing else could satisfy his mind. Seeing no outpouring of the Spirit, no sinners converted under his preaching for some time, his soul was beset with desponding and melancholy fears.

While thus exercised, one night he dreamed, —a gentleman hired him to work for him, and the price of his labor per day was stipulated.—On inquiring what his employer would have him go about, he was informed he must go and hammer a certain rock to pieces. "That," he replied, "will do no good; for the rock is so large and hard I could never break it to pieces."—"That is nothing to you," said the gentleman; "follow my directions and I will pay you your wages."

The laborer then went to work: and though it appeared an endless, and therefore useless task, he labored with diligence and patience for the sake of his wages. After a while, contrary to all his calculations, the mountainous rock broke into shivers.

The minister saw that the dream contained instruction for him; he felt the reproof, resumed courage, and was again blessed with seeing the rocky hearts of many of his hearers broken by the hammer of God's word.

From the Christian Mirror.

ON THE PRESERVATION OF TRUTH.

Religious persons sometimes indulge their feelings and fancy in such a manner that facts are extravagantly exaggerated by them. You can hardly say anything less with justice than that they have lied. What is the difference between deliberately lying, and being so wild in our fancy, and loose in our words, as habitually or frequently to exceed the truth? The difference is like that of stealing a bag of money at once, and taking away the whole by a dollar at a time. The difference, however, is much less in favor of him who lies in his language. God has given us eyes and ears, an understanding and a tongue, that we may learn and communicate truth; and we owe it to Him, to use our eyes and ears, our reason and speech, in such a way that we may see and report facts correctly. If we have made an erroneous statement, it is not enough for us to say, "I thought so," or "I heard so;" the question may be asked, Had you good reason for believing so? We have no right to indulge our feelings so much as to view any thing falsely. A proper regard for truth will preserve us from such feelings, and from the incorrect views to which they lead us. I do not expect truth to flourish in the world, but in the church it ought to be preserved. In all public meetings, and in religious books and periodicals, truth should be kept inviolate.

I will consider the occasions which may lead Christians to violate the truth.

1. A desire to express themselves strongly may do this.

We wish to utter our views and feelings in as lively a manner as we can reach.

In aiming at this we may employ words which are most forcible, rather than those which most exactly suit the subject. This is falsehood. It is bombast, and not eloquence. It can succeed only with superficial minds. It may deceive those who are not acquainted with the ordinary style of the speaker or writer; but they who know him, will always make allowance for his exaggerations, and though they are not deceived, the speaker does not escape the guilt of falsehood.

We ought to know the meaning of language, and employ those expressions which are ordinarily used to convey the ideas we have.

2. The peculiarity of our disposition may lead us to violate truth. Two persons may view the same parish, and one may darken the whole with clouds, and another may brighten the whole with light. Both violate truth when they describe circumstances as they view them.—A love of truth should triumph over every prejudice and passion of our heart. An habitual endeavour to view and state facts precisely as they are, would preserve us from extremes. The spies who surveyed the promised land and brought back to Moses an evil report of it, related what they saw, perhaps just as it appeared to them, but their disposition was wrong, their statement was wrong, and their guilt was great. There may be a wrong impression, and there may be therefore falsehood and guilt, in a flattering account.

If a man of a sanguine spirit gives an account of the state of religion in some place, and from a few facts which elate him, represents it as a garden of the Lord, when it is a wilderness, the speaker does not escape the guilt of falsehood. I relate this anecdote in the hope that the hint will be sufficient to excite landlords to "put a Bible there." I cannot but indulge the hope that every Christian landlord, at least, who reads the above, will imitate the example of Mr. F.

something new and strange, something which will excite attention and wonder. This disposition leads to much falsehood in the intercourse of common life. Many will relate marvellous stories, when a sound judgment would tell them that these things were very improbable. This disposition operates in the readers of religious newspapers. They wish to read something wonderful and gratifying, may receive entertainment and profit by its monotony suggestions.

A. L.

we will not say accidentally, full in his view.

Glancing at it with an eye of fierceness, he seized it and striking the table with his fist, at the same time uttering a fearful imprecation, exclaimed "those villainous Methodists!—if they havn't got me already painted up to be the laughing-stock of the town; here I am without a hat. I'll be even with them." Thus he raved till the tempest of his ire had somewhat exhausted itself in oaths and menaces; then prompted by curiosity, he thought he would ascertain what was said concerning him. A near inspection of the object of his wrath immediately corrected his preposterous error; but his curiosity having been excited, he perused the little narrative, and the perusal was productive of the happiest effects. He resolved in the strength of God that he would reform, he repaired to a place of worship, began to search the Scriptures and exhibit every symptom of real repentance. He is now, if I rightly recollect, in the employment of the gentleman who related the incident, and from being a disgrace to society, a curse to his neighborhood, and a scourge to his family, has become one of the kindest of neighbors, faithful servants, best of fathers, and soberest of

men—chiefly—but ultimately involving their people far more deeply and unhappily. Very many of the present desolations of Zion, may be traced directly to this cause.

Let any minister neglect his appropriate studies for the cultivation of his grounds—let him abandon the firesides of his people, through the pressure of engagements that seem indispensable to his private interest, and his hold on their affections is lost; let him be engaged in borrowing and paying money when he ought to be in his closet; in studying how to clear himself of incumbrance when he ought to be studying how to save souls from hell,—and he will be regarded as a hireling by the multitude—as a weak man by the wise—as a man of doubtful piety by the good—and as a useless being, by all.

It were to be wished that no minister would stay with a people after they wish him gone; and that in order to avoid this predicament, ministers would confine themselves to their appropriate duties; and that to do this, they would live in hired houses, on bread and water, rather than plunge into debt.

S. a.

HURON PRESBYTERY.

The following extract of a letter to the Editor, from a Clergyman on the Western Reserve, relates to a meeting held a short time since, by the Huron Presbytery, at the Missionary station on Maumee River. Conn. Obs.

The great road on which we travelled did not discover to us very many settlements; for, as I remarked, it is but just finished; but the country on each side of it is filling up very fast. Having never travelled so far west before, I have but little knowledge of it. I would therefore only say, that by looking on the map of the State of Ohio, 1820, you will see 14 new counties lying west of Huron, extending south, nearly, or quite one third through the State.—These lands were bought of the Indians about 1816; since then they have been surveyed, and have been continually settling. I presume the greater proportion of the townships already have settlers in them. Some have 70 or 80 families; and I know not any Presbyterian ministers in the whole. There may be, but I think not, some in the south part of the tract; and on some accounts many of these settlements are already as well able to support preaching, as the Reserve. The lands are of necessity taken up by actual settlers, for they must be paid for when taken. This township of York, and another called Eden, on Honey creek, about 15 miles south of the road, I fear have already passed the critical period to which I referred formerly; at any rate they have arrived at it; and doubtless there are others in the same condition. So much was Mr. Smith interested for them at York, that he was easily persuaded to stay on our return and spend a Sabbath with them; and expressed a willingness, if he could be released from an engagement in Trumbull county for two or three months, to go and itinerate in that region. Indeed we all felt for them, but the rest of us had equally important fields of labor at home. I hope he will come. And if it should be consistent, that he or some other person should be commissioned to go and look up the sheep in that wilderness; for it is a fact that there are innumerable townships, members of our own communion.—O, Sir, it would make your heart ache to see how many of them sit down and weep when they remember Zion; but more dreadfully to find many, who, deprived of the means of grace, lose their Christian character. I wish the means of the Society were equal to its desires, then might the blessing of many more ready to perish, come upon it.

Col. Star.

From the New York Observer.

Avoid it; pass not by it; turn from it; and pass away.

The boarders met in the morning. They were from various parts of the country, and had visited different places of interest in the city the evening before. Of two of the parties, one had attended the Theatre,—the other a religious meeting; and both, it was soon seen by their remarks, were serious and religious. The first uttered the tones of regret and chagrin. "Had we known all," they said, "we should not have gone to the Theatre. We thought we would go once to satisfy our curiosity; but it is a place no decent person ought ever to visit." The other party remarked that they had never been to the Theatre, and never intended to go; because of its abominations, and because of the base character of many, if not most, who frequent it. These things they said had suppressed their curiosity. "Had we known what we now know," replied the others, "we should never, even for once, have given it our support."

Messrs. Editors, will you please to publish this as a warning to others. I am persuaded that thousands of our moral people from the country, did they know more of its corruptions, would not gratify that curiosity which asks for one visit to the Theatre.

A COUNTRYMAN.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT.

For the Boston Recorder and Telegraph.

HOME MISSIONS.—NO. XVI.

Among the various causes that have operated to reduce so many churches in our country to a state of feebleness bordering on extinction, one of melancholy interest and special prominence, is, the injudicious conduct of their pastors. And I do not allude here to those unhappy cases of heresy and immorality which have sometimes occurred, and given all but just occasion to the enemies of Christ to blaspheme; there are other failings among the "messengers" of God to the churches, which, though less affecting the evidence of their personal piety, are scarcely less baneful in their influence on the prosperity of Zion.

A Missionary in the employ of the Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society, after having received a call, to settle over a once flourishing but now wasted church, writes thus: "I do not know that I have much concern about getting that support which the people here offer—but, more than in most places they fear being involved in difficulty by their ministers; for they have been somewhat perplexed in that way, and are far from being a ministerial people at present; what they may become in a course of years, years must tell."

When a minister plunges into debt, to secure the convenience of a "fixed abode" without prospect of extricating himself except by the small savings of a salary inadequate to his support;—when he makes his calculations for a permanent establishment amid the winds and waves of popular feeling, (and he has no better foundation to build upon,) and to realize these calculations, resorts to expedients, that the sacredness of his vocation at least renders questionable;—when he goes from his pulpit to his farm, or his merchandise, or adopts some petty system of speculation, to eke out his scanty means of subsistence, and relieve himself from the clanns of creditors, or the greater evil of self-reproach, for folly that no tears can wash away, he unavoidably loses a portion of the confidence of his best friends, breaks up entirely the weaker attachments of others, and opens wide the mouths of religion's avowed enemies against himself and the cause he advocates.

And if to all other injudicious measures, he adds the perpetual complaint, that his salary is too small, that his friends are not active enough—that his people are cruel in disregarding his wants—and throws the whole burden of blame for all the consequences of his own imprudence on them, how can it be expected that he will be either useful or happy in his situation? And if he be neither useful nor happy, is it not infallibly certain that his church will dwindle, and his society disperse?

Young ministers are apt to reflect too little on the consequences of contracting heavy debts—consequences primarily affecting themselves

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Missionary Herald.

BOMBAY.

Joint Communication from the Missionaries.

The letter from which the following notices are derived, is dated August 24, 1826, and is addressed to the Corresponding Secretary. It brings down the history of the mission about five months later, than the documents heretofore published.

The health of Mr. Graves, for several months, had not been good, though generally he had been able to conduct the public worship of the chapel, and to perform other customary and important duties. The preaching of the gospel is attended to in various forms, occasionally in English, and often in Mahratta. One of the weekly meetings is at the house of a native, who, for some time, has appeared desirous of Christian instruction, and has even requested baptism, upon a profession of his faith in Christ. The missionaries, however, are not fully satisfied as to the purity of his motives, and wait for a more full development of character. The practice of addressing persons by the way-side, at the school-rooms, and at their own doors, is still followed.

It has been stated in this work, that the first edition of the entire New Testament, in Mahratta, was completed just before the death of Mr. Hall. A new edition is now demanded. Ecclesiastic assistance in the reprint, is expected from the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its Auxiliary in Bombay. A second edition of the Gospel of Luke is in the press, and Mr. Graves designs to employ such leisure time as he can obtain, in the revision of the residue.

Since the year commenced, somewhat more than 450,000 octavo pages, in Mahratta, have been issued from the press, on account of the mission; and about 150,000 pages 12mo., for societies and individuals sustaining no connection with the mission. A few English works have been also printed.

The missionaries say, that the demand, among the natives, for printed books, is rapidly increasing, and that those of a religious character are readily received by great numbers.

The boarding-school for the instruction of country-born and half-caste children in English, was relinquished in May, in consequence of the diminished strength of the mission. The native free-schools continued to afford encouragement. Their number for boys, when the letter was written, was 24, of which eight were in the town of Bombay. Applications for new ones continued to be frequent, but an enlargement of the number was not deemed expedient until the mission should be reinforced.

Female Education.—The mission has lately entered a new department of labor, from which much good may be anticipated. This department is the education of native females, a thing, until within these few years, unknown in India.

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taught reading, writing, and arithmetic; and commit to memory the ten commandments, and hymns, together with a catechism prepared for the purpose. About 80 of these females have learned to write, though a very few only have yet become able to compose. The instruction is, of course, in the Maharat language.

Favor of Government.—"On this subject the missionaries say, "We should be guilty of ingratitude, were we to conclude our letter without recording a late manifestation of the friendly and liberal spirit, with which our mission is regarded by the local authorities. In February last, we made application to government for five vacant building spots in the native town of Bombay, for the purpose of erecting buildings for our native free schools. In June we received an answer, stating that four of these were granted rent free, with this reserve only, that if required for public purposes, they were to revert back to government, upon the sum being paid to us, at which the buildings on them might be valued by a committee appointed for this purpose. The reason of the fifth not being granted was, that it was situated in a part of the town, where a new road is to be made, and until that road be laid out, no land in its vicinity could be made over by government. We are intending to erect buildings for the accommodation of some of our schools on these spots, as soon as the rainy season closes."

"The Columbian printing press, commissioned from England in 1825, arrived a few weeks since. This we consider a great addition to our printing establishment."

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

BIBLE MOVEMENTS IN PRUSSIA.

More than a year since, it was ordained by the King of Prussia, that in all the Protestant churches of the kingdom, a collection should be made annually for the Prussian Bible Society.

He has also ordained, that in all the Protestant schools where the Bible is not used, it shall be introduced:

That where it has been supplanted by detached portions of Scripture, it shall be restored entire, viz. for the younger scholars who can read with fluency, the whole New Testament;

and for those who are near the instruction for confirmation, or who already have a New Testament, or who are in a higher class," the whole Bible:

That "in all seminaries for the education of school-masters, instruction shall be given to qualify them to make a judicious use of the Bible in teaching children, with a faculty of ready application, as the rudiment, not only of an outward, but an inward acquaintance with it."

By a decree still more recent, all his Majesty's subjects are required, under penalties, to send their children to school at a certain age.

Hence it follows, that unless the laws are broken,

not a Protestant child in the Prussian dominions will hereafter grow up in ignorance of the Scripture!

These facts will account, in some measure, for the firmness of the Catholics in Silesia, (as mentioned in our number for May 12th,) in refusing to give up their Bibles, when demanded by the Prince Bishop of Breslau. They knew well that they had the approbation of their sovereign;

& that if driven to extremities by the Bishop, they could embrace Protestantism, and find in him a protector. This they threatened to do, should their Bibles be taken away.

The population of Prussia, in 1817, was ten million three hundred and thirty thousand. We

will call it the same at present; though without doubt it has increased; and we will suppose the number of children included in the ordinance of the King, to be one tenth of the whole; which is undoubtedly a low estimate. The number of Bibles and Testaments then, will be immediately required in the schools, is 1,033,000. Of these we will suppose that one half can be furnished by means familiar to which the children respectively belong. There will then remain to be provided from other sources, 516,500; or almost as many as have been printed by the American Bible Society since its foundation. Now if we make the large estimate that half this number will be furnished by booksellers, there will remain to be supplied by the Prussian Bible Society and other similar institutions, before the Royal decree can be fully enforced, 258,250; or nearly four times the number issued by the American Bible Society during the past year. Hence it is probable that a new spring will be given to the operations of the Prussian Bible Society; and that we shall continue to hear, more and more, of the triumphs of truth in that interesting country. Hence, too, the necessity of calling for collections in all the Protestant churches of the kingdom.

And what effect will this strong ground in favor of the Bible, produce on Russia? The Emperor has suspended the operations of the Russian Bible Society; but we are not aware that he has forbidden the introduction of Bibles from abroad.

At any rate, here will be an example before his eyes, and the eyes of his people, of a nation on their very borders, where a policy is pursued in relation to the Bible, directly in opposition to his own. They will see its happy effects, as they have formerly seen among themselves, and do still in some measure; and they will be encouraged to adopt all lawful means to induce a change in the will of their sovereign.

There is another channel of influence, which, in conclusion, it may be proper to mention. Among the annual subscribers to the Prussian Bible Society, together with six other members of the Royal Family, is the heir apparent, Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, and his consort the Princess Louisa, who, besides her regular subscriptions, has made a liberal donation in aid of its funds. May it not be hoped that through the influence of these distinguished individuals, the example of Prussia will be felt in the Netherlands.

Bibles in the hands of children, naturally find their way into the dwellings of their parents.

Consequently, should the present laws continue in force, it may be expected that a knowledge of the Bible will long become more generally diffused among the Protestant population of Prussia, than in any other country. And in respect to the Catholics, there is reason to hope, that such instances as have occurred in Silesia, will become comparatively common.—[N. Y. Obs.]

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS.—25th Anniversary.

The Annual Report communicated a gratifying account of the labours of our Missionaries in the year that is past. 15 have been appointed by the Board. Two have preached with success in the British Province of New Brunswick, and the others have occupied important stations in the United States. In Maine, the Rev. Jacob Hatch has laboured in the towns of Ripley, St. Albans, Corinna, Palmyra, Hartland & Exeter, also up the Piscataqua river, in a plantation on the Million Acres. A quickening influence has been granted in Ripley, and also in Corinna. In New York State, brethren Going and Metcalf have been rendered useful. In Springfield, a new church has arisen of 32 members. The number of converts is supposed to be about 60. The revival commenced with power on a baptismal occasion, in Springfield. Sheldon has been refreshed by a season of grace, and seven are baptized; the same number also in Orangeville. Since Mr. Going went into that country, he has baptized

59. Mr. Going gratefully acknowledges the receipt of 48 Bibles, sent him by Mr. Sharp.—They were received by the people as an invaluable favour. The Rev. Benjamin Oviatt has been blest in Allegany Co. About 40 have been baptized, and a church constituted. In other places, he has formed two Tract Societies and a Female Mite Society. In Ohio, Rev. William Spencer has spent six months, endeavouring to raise the standard of religious feeling and of zeal, and has established amongst the people six Sabbath Schools.

In the States bordering on the Mississippi, the Rev. John M. Peck has laboured for several years under the Society's patronage. At his request, three Missionary Boards are organized for the Western Country, whose Missionaries are approved by this Society, and to these Boards is voted 100 dollars each for the year.—Rev. W. Kinney, one of these Missionaries, is appointed to visit the people on the lead mines on Fever River, on the N. W. corner of Illinois, 400 miles up the Mississippi from the mouth of Missouri. The lead mines are rich, covering a tract of country from 50 to 170 miles in extent. More than 500 persons are preparing to emigrate thither. Mr. Peck is successfully engaged in the establishment of a Literary and Theological Institution for the West. A site for the same is agreed on, and a system of operation is in progress. The prospects of success are brightening. But Mr. Peck thinks he shall need, from his Eastern brethren, about 150 dolls. per annum, for a few years. The buildings for the Students' School Room, the Hall for Lectures, for the Library and Professor's Room, &c. are contemplated to be completed in September. The prospect of Students exceeds expectation. Applications for entrance have been made by eight preachers. There are also 20 who will enter the High School department.

The Board has expended in the last year 450 dolls. to aid feeble churches, and the opinion is expressed that the fruit of this assistance has been abundant.

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ANNIVERSARIES AT CONCORD, N. H.

[*Accounts Abridged from the Rep. & Obs.*] The Election Sermon, June 7, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Baptist church in Concord.

The Baptist Convention held their anniversary meeting, on the 6th. Sermon by Rev. Professor Farnsworth, of New Hampton, from Rev. 3: 6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. The object of the speaker was to set forth the duty of Christians in the 19th century; which was stated to be no less than to put in operation the appropriate means for the conversion of the world. After the sermon, a collection was taken for the aid of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and the Education of youth for the Gospel Ministry.

The *Conception* of Congregational Ministers in New Hampshire, assembled at the north meeting-house. Sermon by Rev. Professor Howe, of Dartmouth college, from Gal. 2: 20. "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." The object of the preacher was to exhibit the nature and illustrate the power of genuine faith. At the close of the sermon, an appeal was made in behalf of the *Widow's Charitable Fund*, for which a collection was taken.

A Prayer Meeting was held on Thursday morning at the town hall, appointed by the *Congregational Convention*. At this meeting an interesting account was given by Rev. Mr. Arnold, of the revival of religion in Alstead. Great and good effects have already evidently resulted from this revival, upon the morals and Christian enterprise of the people. The work, it was stated, still in a measure progresses—Other revivals in that vicinity were mentioned by Mr. S. and an interesting application of the facts he brought to view, was made by him to his brethren. This meeting afforded a refreshing season.

Temperance.—Dr. Muzzy, of Hanover, at the request of the Convention, delivered a public Address on the subject of intemperance, which has been requested for the press.

The New Hampshire Colonization Society, held its annual meeting on Thursday evening. [We have received a full account of these anniversaries; but too late for this week's paper.]

WESTERN EDUCATION SOCIETY, OF N. Y.

The ninth report of the Directors was rendered to the Society, at their annual meeting in Utica, May 2d, and is published in the Western Recorder. We take a few facts. The Report embraces a period of 16 months, in consequence of the time of the annual meeting being altered. The whole number of beneficiaries aided in that time has been 26; the number now receiving aid at the boarding establishment at Clinton, is 16. The whole amount of donations, in provisions, cloth, clothing, cash, and other articles as estimated by the donors, \$2841, 82, on hand at the time of the last report, \$1011, 48; total \$3892, 86, the greater part of which has been appropriated and expended. Debts of the Society at time of last report, \$1764, 95; debts now, \$1530. An agreement has been made with the Steward for the ensuing year, to board all the beneficiaries at one dollar per week; he having the use of the premises, and the privilege of cutting his fire wood, free of rent; and to take all his pay in provisions.

The following paragraphs, from different parts of the Report, show the methods adopted by the Directors: "The system of *town agency* is now established in 130 towns and societies, extending from the St. Lawrence to Pennsylvania, and from Montgomery to Cayuga counties; embracing most of the towns within these limits, and numbering 170 town agents. On the annual collections received from these agents, the Society will chiefly depend, for meeting the current expenses of the institution. A plan has been adopted, which has a fair prospect of being successful, to provide for the support of the General Agent, without taking for this purpose any thing from the donations made to this Society."

Of the 170 town agents that have been appointed, not one of the individuals that were first applied to has declined accepting the appointment. The donations acknowledged in the present report have been received from 1080 individuals, belonging to 55 different congregations; besides 34 societies where the individuals are not named.—There are two leading objects to which the attention of this Society will be especially directed in the ensuing year; one is to obtain the means of cancelling the debts now charged against the Society; and the other to ascertain, as far as may be practicable, what individuals, in every place, will be the *regular patrons* of this Society, by contributing something annually to its funds, and about what sum each will be able to raise.

The following exhibits the pressing demand for ministers. "Societies can be named, that have been for months without a minister, solely because no suitable men could be obtained for them. The young men from our seminaries are generally engaged for weeks, and often months before they are licensed to preach. Seldom indeed, do we find a devoted candidate, who has not more calls than he is able to supply.

HAMPDEN COUNTY SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.

We have received a circular, issued by a society of this name, recently formed at Springfield, Ms., & intended to embrace the county of Hampden. It is directly auxiliary to the American Union, at Philadelphia. The circular accounts for this measure thus. In the summer and autumn of 1826, a very flourishing Sabbath School existed in the Rev. Mr. Osgood's parish in Springfield. It was then auxiliary to the Massachusetts Union, and at the opening of the school, its patrons endeavoured to procure a library; but they found that the Depository at Boston was not supplied with one eighth of the publications of the American Society; and they were obliged to wait several weeks before a small order could be answered. They further state: "Early in the spring, of the present year, we made some inquiry and ascertained (as we supposed correctly) that the Depository at Boston did not contain a permanent supply of books, sufficiently large to answer orders for extensive libraries, such as many country parishes want; but that if an order was sent to them, by an auxiliary, they repeated the order to the parent society, at Philadelphia, and in this circuitous way the books were obtained. Under these circumstances and with this information, a number of the friends of Sabbath Schools suggested a Union of the County, and the establishment of a Depository nearer home."—A County Union was accordingly formed. Among a few things which they "wish to be distinctly understood," we notice the following: "Fifthly, That we became auxiliary to the Parent Society at Philadelphia, rather than to the State Union at Boston, because we verily thought that we could get our orders answered cheaper and quicker at the former than at the latter place, and this we have found to be the case."

Sixthly, That whenever we find the State Union ready to give us all the advantages which the National Society can give us, we shall most cordially unite ourselves with the State Union, and our hope is that we shall carry with us, as an auxiliary, *every parish in the county.*" They propose to establish at Springfield a *permanental Depository*, for which they wish to raise \$500. They add, "Most of our parishes, which have not already been visited, will be visited in the course of the season, when such further information will be given as may be required. We have presented our motives and plans to the managers of the State Union, and have great confidence in the coincidence of their views with ours. Our Depository has been arranged; our exercises, class, papers &c. &c. prepared; and it is for the Christian people of the county to say how far they will co-operate with us. Together, we can, with God's blessing, accomplish much—apart, our efforts will be weak and faltering, if not fruitless."

The circular contains a "Plan, or Mode of organizing county Sabbath Schools;" one which we think is very judicious, and calculated to make a school efficient. It is accompanied with specimens of "Exercises," or sheets containing scriptural subjects and hymns for the different classes. These are adapted to different ages. * The Depository now well supplied.

FOURTH OF ULY—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A quarterly meeting of Sabbath School Teachers of different denominations was held on Monday evening last at the Union Church in Essex Street. Hon. HENRY LINCOLN was appointed Chairman, and Mr. E. G. Parker, Secretary. After prayer by Deacon Thomas Vose, Mr. Herrick, an Agent of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Union, mentioned some facts in relation to the state of Sabbath Schools in this Commonwealth. In some towns in the western part of the State, containing a population of 1200, there were 400 connected with the Sabbath School. In one Society the school was attended by persons 30 years of age, some heads of families. In Stockbridge, out of 100 who have recently become hopefully pious, 40 were connected with the Sabbath School. In another town, a revival of religion commenced with a little girl 11 years of age, a Sunday Scholar. In the counties of Hampshire and Hampden, there is scarcely a town in which there is not a Sabbath School Library. In one town, a sum of money was voted at a Town Meeting for the support of a Library for the Sabbath School; and in 2 others the Directors of Sabbath Schools were chosen at a regular Town Meeting.

William J. Hubbard Esq., next addressed the meeting. He adverted to the growing importance of the Sabbath School system. Its object was to inculcate divine truth upon immortal minds. He trusted the time was not far distant, when the Fathers and Mothers in Israel would become teachers in Sabbath Schools. One objection common with them was, that their children must be taken care of at home. He thought this objection ought to be removed. He believed that children would derive more benefit from the study of the Scriptures at the Sabbath School, than at home. Teachers should feel themselves honoured in being permitted to engage in so glorious a work. He urged upon them the importance of punctuality. It is in vain for teachers to urge upon their children the duty of being punctual, unless their own example corresponds with the precept. Hon. Mr. Lincoln made some remarks, in which he alluded with much satisfaction to the pleasure he derived from attending the Anniversary of the American Sunday School Union, recently held in Philadelphia. He felt that there was a loud call for gratitude to God, for the establishment of that important institution.

The Rev. Mr. Malcom, General Agent of the American Sunday School Union, closed the meeting with a very animating and practical address. He remarked, that we must consider children, however poor and ignorant they may be, as destined to eternity. Teachers should pray much for their children, their manner should be characterized by mildness and heavenliness; not a harsh expression should escape their lips, nor an unkind feeling enter their breasts. Their labour is a labour of love. In giving instruction to children, one topic only should be introduced at a time, instruction should be communicated with great simplicity. Ask a child the meaning of large words, and he cannot answer you. Before lessons are assigned to children, it is of great importance to see that they understand the meaning of every word. Speak to them of the sins of children, one topic only should be introduced at a time, instruction should be communicated with great simplicity. 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This publication, both from its length, and from its practical nature, and from its great comprehensiveness, must be considered as far more valuable than either of the others singly. Yet they are all so distinct, and all so able, that we could wish they might all be read, and preserved for future use.

Dr. Beecher's first and second sermons are from Prov. xxiii, 29-35. The first is on the Nature and Occasions of Intemperance. He combats the received opinion, that the higher stages of bribery only authorize the application of that term; and after a course of reasoning, comes to the conclusion, that the daily use of ardent spirit, in any form, or in any degree, is intemperance. If any are startled at this conclusion, we wish them to read the statements on which it is founded.—But, proceeding to the higher degrees of criminal indegence, he gives not only a definition, but "a philosophical analysis of its mechanical effects upon the animal system," and thence directly upon the mind and the soul; an analysis fearful and appalling, but true to fact. The occasions of intemperance are, the free and frequent use of ardent spirits in the family, and by way of hospitality; Days of public convocation; Evening resorts for conversation; Convivial associations for the purpose of drinking; Feeble health and mental depression; Medical prescriptions in spirits; The distillation of spirits; The habit of vendng them; A resort to them as an alleviation of trouble, or to restore vigor to exhausted nature under severe study, or as an auxiliary to labor.

The second sermon discloses some of the signs or symptoms of intemperance; that deceitful sin which does the irreparable injury before the person is aware of its approach. These indications are found, 1, In the associations of time and place; 2, In a disposition to multiply the circumstances which supply the occasions and opportunities for drinking; 3, The desire of drinking ardent spirits returning daily at stated times; 4, The desire of concealment; 5, A man's allowing himself to drink as much as he thinks he can bear without exposing himself; 6, Irritation and a disposition to oppose, when efforts are made to suppress intemperance; 7, Physical indications: such as red eyes, fulness and redness of countenance, impaired muscular strength and tremor of the hand, diseased liver, inflamed lungs, and the blistered tongue and lip. Other indications mentioned are, petulance and violent anger; the extinction of the finer feelings and amiable dispositions of the soul, and of the religious affections also, if he ever seemed to have any. These are followed by more marked signs, which none can mistake, and terminate in sudden or otherwise awful death.

The four remaining sermons are from Hab. ii, 9-11, 15, 16. This text brings the *Eccles* to view. The preacher descants upon the effects of general intemperance, 1, Upon the health and physical energies of a nation; 2, Upon national intellect; 3, Upon the military prowess of a nation; 4, Upon patriotism; 5, Upon national industry, and upon civil liberty. These are enlarged upon in the third sermon.

The fourth and fifth answer the question, *By what means can this evil be stayed?* And the answer, not by any one thing, but by every thing which can be put in requisition. The remedy, whatever it may be, must be universal, operating permanently, at all times, and in all places. This remedy is, to banish ardent spirits from the list of lawful articles of commerce, by a correct and efficient public sentiment. That traffic is wrong, and should be abandoned as a great national evil; because 1, It employs a multitude of men, and a vast amount of capital, to no useful purpose. 2, Because of the amount of suffering and mortality inseparable from it. 3, Because it is a manifest violation of the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" and other precepts.

The last sermon states what particular things can be done to apply the universal remedy. 1, It is practicable to extend universal information. 2, To form an Association for the special purpose of superintending this whole subject. 3, To exclude ardent spirits as an auxiliary to labor. Something may be done, also, by legislation, when the public sentiment is prepared to go with it, and by a silent, judicious distribution of patronage in trade.—The series is concluded by appeals to ministers, to churches, to physicians, to magistrates and legislators; and to temperate young men, the hopes of the nation.

It is not easy to present in a few words the substance of Mr. Sprague's production, which is in the form of an Address, or popular Oration. But the author, who is known as a poet and an orator, was happily adapted to the occasion which called forth his powers on this subject; and the effect which was produced by the delivery of his Address, will be much more widely extended by its publication. As to a remedy, he takes the same ground with the other authors; that which is every day gaining adherents, and that on which all our hopes of prevention must rest—enter abstinence. He spoke to the more intelligent, affluent and influential part of community; and did not fail to tell them, in a respectful manner, how pernicious their example has been, and how salutary it may be made. For that class of community his address is specially useful, and we wish it might be laid in every parlor window in the Union.

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YOUTH'S COMPANION.
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For the Boston Recorder & Telegraph.
To the Inhabitants of Boston.

FELLOW CITIZENS.—You have seen the letters which I have addressed to the Committee and Subscribers for the erection of a new Theatre. A large number of very respectable individuals have approved in strong terms of the sentiments contained in them, and believe that they exhibit by no means an exaggerated statement of the evils which threaten us. A great majority of you, I trust, are of the same opinion.

The inhabitants of Boston have ever been known as attached to good order, sobriety and morality. They are not an ignorant rabble to be lured by shows while they are robbed of their richest treasures.

The annual income of the Federal Street Theatre is between forty and fifty thousand dollars, which with hack hire and other charges upon attendance, is a tax upon the city of at least \$75,000.

I say nothing of the expenses of those scenes which succeed the attendance.

In this theatre are every night assembled a company of women from the haunts of infamy, to pollute our youth and drag them away to their chambers of death.

From the upper boxes and the pit issue exclamations, fit only to be heard in hell; and which, if females otherwise delicate can learn to hear unmoved, I cannot write without pollution to my paper, nor without drawing on myself a burst of indignation which I would not willingly bear. And we have another Theatre—but I forbear lest I should read again the paternal hearts of some of you which have not yet ceased to bleed, and bring up again to view your despoiled and ruined sons. Over this theatre one individual, having possessed himself of a majority of shares, is able to exert an entire control, and youth after youth is ruined for time and eternity; and all the benefit resulting is that he gets his daily bread, and the owners of the property receive as rent three per cent per annum. And is there no relief? Must the sons of the rich and daughters of the poor be bound, and almost in necromancy, lie bleeding victims upon the altars of Venus and Bacchus, and the horrid god, whatever be his title, who presides over the chances of the game?

And now we are to have another Theatre upon a larger and more expensive scale. To support it, it is to yield an income to the owners, cannot cost less than \$75,000 annually.

For the support of the two principal theatres, you are to be taxed them at least \$150,000; and this is an nothing, in comparison with the immense moral damage you sustain. The shares in the contemplated theatre are so few, the large portion of them must at no distant period be sold wholly at a profit or a loss; and it would be a sin if man has already done, if from one or two individuals should possess themselves of a dozen or two individuals, and make it a den of wickedness which would cause builders to shudder.

The expense of these establishments would support all your clergy, all your schools, your civil institutions, and I might almost say, every thing which is of public utility within the city. So cheap is virtue, when dear is vice.

And for what in all this expenditure? Not to produce any moral good. You are too much enlightened that such a pretence should be made to you, scarcely can it be said that it is to amuse any of you. But few of you attend, and those who do, a great portion of the time, go away disgusted, not amused. Is not all this expense incurred, that theatre owners may gain an income upon their property, and that a company of dissipated players may gangway your money, and in the indulgence of the lowest sensuality, scatter it to all the winds as fast as you lay it before them. Do not speak of every actor. I speak of them as a class. Virtuous actors, are exceptions to a general rule. What claims have Cook or Kean to twenty, thirty or forty thousand dollars annually? Pardon me, fellow citizens, if your indignation is aroused at these statements of the truth. It is a case in which we are mutually and deeply interested; about which we have a right to congregate together, and to confer freely. We are passengers on board a common ship. If I sound an alarm when there is no danger, heed me not; but remember, if we fall into the whirlpool, we go down together. In such a case as this, a heavy responsibility rests on every man. I have thrown off my share. I have warned the builders and notified the community. You cannot innocently fold your hands. He who sits by, while a crime is perpetrated which he might prevent becomes an accessory. Express then, in all suitable ways, your firm disapprobation of this unwarrantable plan. And by your decision let the builders know, that if they persist, they may have a theatre; but from the enlightened and virtuous citizens of Boston, they shall never have an audience, whatever may be the fascination with which they shall attempt to lure you.—Look at your children, ye fathers and mothers, which of them do you select for the seductions of the theatre? Ye amiable and beautiful daughters, where is your sex humbled; where is disgrace poured upon woman; where are you insulted and yourselves treated as void of virtue, if not at the theatre? When you are alone, listen to the cries of the gallery and the inaudiences of the stage scarcely less offensive; and if blushes tainten on your faces, determine whether you will honor such scenes with your presence. Say whether you will place yourself in the midst of indecency, that exhausted indulgence may gaze and see how you act, as the student gazes on the little animals in the exhausted receiver of his air pump. And ye young men, the hope of your parents and your country, it is not enough, that so many of you have already been destroyed! The trial through which you have to pass, is indeed dreadful. I know what it is, for I have passed it. And to me the wonder is, not that so many are ruined, but that any escape. Place not yourselves amidst the thickest onset of temptation. Look at many miserable beings a little older than yourselves, who at your age were as promising as you; you cannot, any better than they, walk on live coals and your feet not be burned; nor put them in your bosom and your clothes not be consumed.

Here, little citizens, I leave the subject to your cool reflections; and most respectfully subscribe myself

Your Ob't. Servant, A FATHER.

RELIGIOUS SUMMARY.

The Young Men's Missionary Society of Charleston, S. C. contributed \$120 to the parent or state society, the past year.—The Goshen Society (of Charleston S. C.) was formed in May, 1825, to aid a mission family which had just left that city, for Goshen, a station under the American Board. It then consisted of between 20 and 30 members. At the end of the first year, it embraced 103; and now has 110. It has sent in the two years two boxes of clothing, valued at \$100 each, a bell which cost \$30, and \$30 in cash. It has lately raised \$110, by a special effort, for the mission family at the Monroe station among the Chickasaws, at a time when the family were in real distress for want of funds.

Princeton Theological Seminary.—From the Report of the Directors of this Institution, to the late General Assembly, it appears that the number of students at the date of the previous Report, was 114. Number received during the last summer session, 10. Winter session, 32. Present number, 91. The number who completed their course at the end of the summer term, was 24. Two new scholarships have been formed during the year—one by Mr. James Anderson, of New York, the other by Mr. Anthony Kennedy, of Frankford, Pa.

NOTICE.—The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Massachusetts will be held in Trinity Church, Boston, on Wednesday the 29th inst. Divine service to commence at 9 o'clock, P. M.

B. J. CUTLER, Sec'y.

MASS. EPISCOPAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Episcopal

Missionary Society, will be held at St. Paul's Church the same day, at 1-2 past 5 o'clock, P.M., for the choice of Officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business.—In the EVENING, a public meeting of the friends of this Institution will be held at the same place, when the Report of the Directors will be read, and the meeting addressed by several gentlemen. The services will commence at 8-1 before 8, precisely.

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The Berkshire Bible Society met at Lenox

May 16. The President, Hon. William Walker,

addressed the society at the opening of the meeting. The annual report was read by the Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Field of Stockbridge. Addresses were made by William Porter Jr. Esq. of Lee; Thomas B. Strong Esq. of Pittsfield; Rev. Mr. Hayden, of Egremont, and Rev. Mr. Hawley, of Hinsdale. The report stated, that the parent society had proposed to send an agent into the county, but the county society had declined the proposal; "the venerable President having volunteered to assume this arduous duty upon himself, ————— amidst the infirmities of a very advanced age."—Receipts of the last year \$118.

REVIVALS.

Hampshire and Berkshire, Mass.—The attention to religion continues in Cummington. It is deep, yet still,—no noise, nor fanaticism accompanies it. It is believed that many have been converted from the error of their ways. In Worthington many are complying with the injunction of Christ, to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Religious meetings are frequent and solemn.

The Argus, a new paper established in Pittsfield, says the revival in Berkshire county has been greater than ever witnessed there. "We

have reason to believe that the number of hopeful converts exceeds half the number added to the church at the day of Pentecost."

Martha's Vineyard.—A letter to one of the Editors of the New-York Observer, dated March 1st, 1825, from the Rev. RODNEY A. MILLER, was ordained to the Charge of the First Church and Parish in Worcester, Mass. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. E. Beecher, of Boston; Sermon, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Chester, by Rev. W. Fay, of Charlestown; Consecrating Prayer, by Rev. M. Stone, of Brookfield; Charge by Rev. T. N. of Brookfield; Fellowship by Rev. Mr. Allen, of Shrewsbury; Address to the People, by Rev. J. Fiske, of New-Braintree; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Codman, of Dorchester. The following original Hymn was sung, written for the occasion by a gentleman of Boston:

As Israel in the wilderness
Were wandering on to Canaan's land,
With Him alone to guide and bless
Who led them by His Prophet's hand;

So we, who wander here below,
Are pilgrims to our home above,
And nothing pure or perfect know
But comes not out from our Father's love.

His Prophet yet our guide must be,
And teach us yet our chain to burst,
Divide for us the threatening sea,
And cleave the rock to quench our thirst.

Then pour we still the earnest prayer
To Him who hears his people call—
Lead them accepted servants where
The mantle of thy grace may fall."

On Wednesday, the 6th inst. the Rev. SAMUEL C. JACKSON was ordained as Pastor of the West Church and Society in Andover. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Andover; Sermon by Rev. Professor Stuart of the Theological Seminary; Consecrating Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hall, of Peterborough, N. H.; Charge by Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Duxbury; Right-Hand of Fellowship by Rev. Mr. Malby, of Sutton, Mass.; Charge to the People by the Rev. Dr. French, of Northampton, N. H.; Concluding Prayer by Rev. Mr. Eastman.

A Rochester, June 6, Mr. ICHABOD PLAISTED was ordained over the South Church and Parish. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Bigelow, of Rochester; Sermon by Rev. Mr. Storrs, of Braintree; Consecrating Prayer by Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Middleboro'; Charge by Rev. Oliver Cobb, of Rochester; Fellowship of the Churches by Rev. Ashael Cobb, of Rochester; Address to the Church and People by Rev. Mr. Eaton, of Middleboro'; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Holmes, of New-Bedford. The re-establishment of the gospel ministry in this place, is an occasion of special gratitude to the Great Head of the Church. For twenty years, it has been a desolate and till within two or three years, scarcely a home been indulged, by its most sagacious friends, that the voice of an ambassador of God, would ever again be heard steadily within the walls of its decaying meeting house. But the captivity of Jacob is returned. A minister of the sanctuary is settled under favorable auspices. Not only Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and other kindred denominations, have adopted it; but the Quakers are perhaps doing more than many others. It is the cause of justice and humanity which here requires our aid. The good of our country requires it. The stain or injustice which lies upon our nation at large requires it; it requires that every Christian, and every good citizen, should come forward and cast his offerings into the treasury which is thus annually opened for the relief of depressed and suffering humanity. The season for this annual offering is near at hand.—*Tribune Recorder.*

We regret much to state that Dr. J. W. Pease, the U. S. Agent, for the promotion of the Africans to Monrovia, was recently ill.

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